

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Of the claims, Claims 1 and 12 are independent. Claims 1 and 12 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,466,048. Claims 2-11 and 13-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

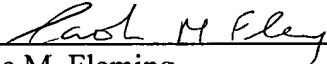
Filed herewith is a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection of Claims 1 and 12 in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.130(b), § 1.321(c) and MPEP § 804.2. In view of the foregoing, removal of the rejection to Claims 1 and 12 is respectfully requested. As claims 1 and 12 should now be found allowable, all related dependent claims 2-11 and 13-22 should also now be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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